

CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY
PUBLIC MEETING
December 14, 2000
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA
10:00 AM

<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>	<u>Status</u>
1. Approval of October 18, 2000 Meeting Minutes	Chairman Tennenbaum	A
2. Authority Members' Meetings for Compensation	Mehdi Morshed	A
3. Members' Reports	Chairman Tennenbaum	I
4. Executive Director's Report	Mehdi Morshed	A
5. Peer Review Presentation	Mehdi Morshed	I
<i>DE-Consult will present the results of their peer review conducted on the Authority's past assumptions and recommendations.</i>		
6. Review and Approval of Overall Work Plan and Deliverables by Fiscal Year	Mehdi Morshed Kip Field, Parsons Brinckerhoff	A
<i>Parsons Brinckerhoff will present the overall work plan and deliverables for the duration of the project delineated by fiscal year.</i>		
7. Review and Approval of Performance Criteria for High-Speed Train Service	Mehdi Morshed Kip Field, Parsons Brinckerhoff	A
<i>At the last public meeting, Parsons Brinckerhoff presented performance criteria to be used for evaluating the high-speed train alternatives of the regional environmental/engineering studies. The Authority will review and approve performance criteria for the California high-speed train system.</i>		
8. Presentation of draft engineering standards for evaluating alignments and cost estimates for high-speed trains.	Mehdi Morshed Kip Field, Parsons Brinckerhoff	I
<i>Parsons Brinckerhoff will present draft engineering standards for the statewide high-speed train system to be used for the regional environmental/engineering studies. This work will build upon the previous work of the Intercity HSR Commission and the Authority. Standards are to be developed for both steel-wheel-on-steel-rail and Maglev technologies.</i>		
9. Public Involvement Approach	John Barna	I
<i>Authority staff will present an overall public outreach and involvement approach for the next six months that is consistent with the Authority's overall visibility and program EIR needs.</i>		

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10. Review and Approval of Consulting Teams Draft Work Plan <i>Parsons Transportation Group will present the work plan for the Bay Area to Merced High-Speed Train Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Authority review and approval.</i>	Mehdi Morshed Dave Mansen, Parsons Transportation Group	A
11. Review and Approval of Consulting Teams Draft Work Plan <i>Frederic R. Harris will present the work plan for the Sacramento to Bakersfield High-Speed Train Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Authority review and approval.</i>	Mehdi Morshed Al Witzig, Frederic R. Harris	A
12. Review and Approval of Consulting Teams Draft Work Plan <i>P & D Consultants will present the work plan for Bakersfield to Union Station High-Speed Train Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Authority review and approval.</i>	Mehdi Morshed Sylvia Salenius, P & D Consultants	A
13. Review and Approval of Regional Environmental/Engineering Contract <i>Staff will present an overview of the proposals received for the Los Angeles to San Diego via the Inland Empire Regional Environmental/Engineering Study Contract and the results of the selection process for Authority review and approval.</i>	Mehdi Morshed	A
14. Review and Approval of Regional Environmental/Engineering Study Request for Proposal <i>Staff will present the Request for Proposal (RFP) and schedule for the Los Angeles-Orange County-San Diego Regional Environmental/Engineering Study contract for Authority review and approval.</i>	Mehdi Morshed	A
15. Public Comment <i>An opportunity for public comment will be provided during each action item.</i>		

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Dear Stakeholder:

At its October meeting in San Francisco, the California High-Speed Rail Authority took additional steps to begin implementing the project. The Authority awarded corridor contracts to the Parsons Transportation Group, for the Bay Area-to-Merced segment; to Frederic R. Harris, for the Sacramento-to-Bakersfield segment; and to P&D Consultants, for the Bakersfield-to-Los Angeles segment. The Authority also approved issuing a request for proposal for the Los Angeles-to-San Diego via the Inland Empire segment. These actions underscore the Authority's commitment to developing a credible program environmental impact report that will clearly delineate the issues involved in building the system.

Attached is the agenda for the California High-Speed Rail Authority's December 14 meeting at the Los Angeles MTA Board Room. I want to draw your attention to several important items:

- The Authority will be reviewing and approving the performance criteria for evaluating high-speed train alternatives. Among the criteria will be travel time expectations between major cities and regions.
- The Authority will review draft engineering standards for evaluating alignments and cost estimates for high-speed trains. These standards, in conjunction with the performance criteria, will provide the technical basis for building a high-speed train system for California.
- The Authority will review and approve the draft work plans of the corridor teams providing the environmental and engineering work in the Bay Area-to-Merced, Sacramento-to-Bakersfield, and Bakersfield-to-Los Angeles corridors.
- The Authority will approve the awarding of a regional environmental/engineering contract to provide a detailed review of how a high-speed train system would be built in the Los Angeles-to-San Diego via the Inland Empire corridor. This will be the Authority's fourth corridor contract as part of the program EIR process.
- The Authority will act on a request to issue a request for proposal for a detailed environmental/engineering analysis of the LAX-Los Angeles-Orange County-San Diego corridor.
- DE-Consult, the consulting arm of the German railway operator Deutsche Bahn, will present its peer review of the Authority's assumptions and recommendations. Japanese and French high-speed train operators presented their perspectives at the October meeting.

I look forward to seeing you in Los Angeles on December 14.

Sincerely,

Mehdi Morshed
Executive Director